

HONORING COLORADO NONPROFIT  
WEEK**HON. MARK UDALL**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 4, 2004*

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to inform our colleagues that the week of March 1 to March 5, 2004 will be Colorado Nonprofit Week and to express my gratitude for nonprofit organizations in Colorado.

Mr. Speaker, we in Congress have dedicated our energy to help solve the problems which persist in America. However, in a country as large and diverse as ours, there are many problems that cannot be addressed by government alone. Nonprofit organizations throughout the nation play powerful roles in sustaining our communities and providing resources to help solve a myriad of problems. In Colorado alone, there are over five-thousand charitable nonprofit organizations that devote tireless effort year after year to improve the quality of life in our communities. In appreciation, the State of Colorado honors these organizations and the causes they champion by declaring the week of March 1st to March 5th to be Colorado Nonprofit Week.

In Colorado, there are hardly any social problems that do not have a group of dedicated individuals trying to solve them. Indeed, there are nonprofits addressing such diverse challenges as promoting arts and humanities, protecting animals, sheltering the homeless, providing job training and saving open space, to identify just a few. Colorado's nonprofits have succeeded in raising awareness for their causes in recent years. As a result, the number of nonprofits organizations in Colorado and the magnitude of services they provide have more than doubled in the last decade.

These organizations give hundreds of millions of dollars and countless hours of volunteer time to address their respective issues, yet are rarely given the credit they deserve. By recognizing the contributions of the nonprofit sector during Colorado Nonprofit Week, we acknowledge the exemplary public service and positive direction they provide for our communities.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join with me in recognizing Colorado Nonprofit Week and in thanking nonprofit organizations for all of the good and important work they do in Colorado.

AUSTRALIAN UNIVERSITY STUDENTS AS AMBASSADORS TO  
AND FROM CONGRESS**HON. JERROLD NADLER**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 4, 2004*

Mr. NADLER. Mr. Speaker, there is a long list of people and institutions that have helped our nation flourish through our nearly 228 years of independence. One of our greatest traditions as Americans is to welcome friends from around the world into our lives—sometimes professionally and sometimes personally.

Most congressional offices host American college students, to help our nation's future

leaders understand the political complexities affecting our constituents and our jobs as their representatives. Now, thanks to the Uni-Capitol Washington Internship Program, some of Australia's best and brightest university students have had the opportunity to participate in six-week, full-time internships in House and Senate offices. These internships have proved to be an invaluable learning experience, both for the students and for their hosts.

The program is the brainchild and pro bono non-partisan effort of former long-time House and Senate staffer Eric K. Federling, who began lecturing at Australian universities in the early 1990s while working for our former colleague Norman Y. Mineta of California. Mr. Federling wanted to bridge what Australians call "The Tyranny of Distance," which can prevent Americans and Australians from knowing each other as well as our mutual interests and traditions suggest we should.

Five universities now participate and a dozen Australian students travel to Washington, DC annually as part of the program. An important reason for the exchange's success is the careful matching of students and their interests with our work and constituencies. This year, Laura Crommelin, a law student from the University of Melbourne, joined my staff for most of January and February. She is professionally poised, and sophisticated in her understanding of our mission as a chamber and my work for the 8th District of New York. Meeting Laura has given my staff and me an insight into Australian politics and society, as well as a fresh perspective on the work we are doing here in Congress.

Mr. Speaker, I believe my experience has not been unique. The students and other congressional hosts in 2004 should be congratulated for their participation in this exchange: Richard Abraham, of Macquarie University, in the office of Senator CHRISTOPHER DODD of Connecticut; Kirstin Ferguson, of the University of Wollongong, in the office of Representative ALCEE HASTINGS of Florida; Netta Goussac, of the University of Western Australia, in the office of Representative LORETTA SANCHEZ of California; Elli Jacovides, of the University of Melbourne, in the office of Representative JIM CLYBURN of South Carolina; Leng Lee, of the University of Melbourne, in the office of the Joint Economic Committee, minority staff; Ian Repper, of the University of Western Australia, in the offices of Representative BOB NEY of Ohio and the House Administration Committee, majority staff; Heather Rietdyk, of the University of Canberra, in the office of Representative SAM FARR of California; Louise Squire, of the University of Western Australia, in the office of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, minority staff; Lisa Sharland, of Macquarie University, in the office of Senator CHUCK HAGEL of Nebraska; Ken Shaw, of the University of Melbourne, in the office of the House Small Business Committee, majority staff; and Jane Stewart, of the University of Melbourne, in the office of Representative LOUISE SLAUGHTER of New York.

In closing, Mr. Speaker, it is important to note that this effort has received programmatic assistance from both the U.S. and Australian governments, as well as numerous individuals and institutions in Washington, DC that have welcomed these students during their visit. I am proud to participate in this worthwhile program, and wish it continued success in the future.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. LUIS V. GUTIERREZ**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 4, 2004*

Mr. GUTIERREZ. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent from this Chamber, on January 21, 2004. I would like the record to show that, had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall vote No. 4.

I was also unavoidably absent from this Chamber on January 28, 2004. I would like the record to show that, had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall Nos. 8, 9 and 11. I would also like the record to show that I would have voted "no" on rollcall 10.

CONGRATULATIONS TO DR. PAUL  
SWANSON**HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKEY**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 4, 2004*

Mr. VISCLOSKEY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride and enthusiasm that I rise to recognize and congratulate Dr. Paul Swanson. This dedicated and giving man will be honored tonight with the Ambassador for Peace Leadership in Reconciliation and Peace-Making Award. A resident of Northwest Indiana, Dr. Swanson has devoted his life to the preservation of peace in his community and throughout the world. His work will be honored this evening at the Ambassadors for Peace Awards Banquet.

Throughout his career, Dr. Swanson has united his fellow citizens by demonstrating the importance of compassion and understanding toward those of different beliefs. As a mentor to many pastors in the Midwest, Dr. Swanson has broken new ground in the areas of ecumenical and interdenominational dialog.

Mr. Speaker, Dr. Paul Swanson is currently a Professor Emeritus of Family Counseling for the Lutheran School of Theology at the University of Chicago. Although he has spent his career helping others, Dr. Swanson's family has always been his first priority. His wife Cordie, and their two children provide the inspiration for Dr. Swanson in his commitment to improve the community around him.

Mr. Speaker, at this time I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in congratulating Dr. Paul Swanson for his outstanding service to the residents of Northwest Indiana. His efforts to improve his community should be commended, and I am proud to represent him in Congress.

REMEMBERING PRIVATE FIRST  
CLASS HOLLY McGEOGH**HON. JOHN D. DINGELL**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 4, 2004*

Mr. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker. I rise today to pay tribute to Private First Class Holly McGeogh, Michigan's first female soldier killed in the conflict in Iraq. Private McGeogh was from Taylor, and a constituent of mine.

Private McGeogh, who was 19, was one of three soldiers killed in a roadside explosion near Kirkuk. She was assigned to Company A, 4th Forward Support Battalion, 4th Infantry Division, from Fort Hood, Texas. Two years ago, she graduated Truman High School, where she was a cadet in the Junior ROTC for four years. During high school, Private McGeogh won numerous awards and recognition for her service to her school and community. She was dedicated to enlisting in the Army, and to serving her country, which she did with distinction.

Before leaving for Iraq she told her family that if she were killed in battle, to remember she died for a reason and a cause she believed in. Those words should be remembered and cherished today and always.

Mr. Speaker, Private McGeogh is a hero. She died trying to make this world a safer, kinder, and more humane place, and for that we are all humbled. Our thoughts and our prayers go to her parents, her family, and her friends. I would like you to join me in commending her limitless courage for our country. She has shown the entire nation what it means to be a hero.

HONORING FATHER JOSE LUIS  
OCHOA

HON. GRACE F. NAPOLITANO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 4, 2004*

Mrs. NAPOLITANO. Mr. Speaker, it is with tremendous respect that I rise today to honor Father Jose Luis Ochoa, who is retiring from his post with the parish of St. Pius X in the City of Santa Fe Springs to return to Guadalajara, Mexico and work with the Guadalupe Missionaries. Throughout his career of service, Father Ochoa has spread faith and charity throughout many parts of the world.

Father Jose Luis Ochoa was born in Mexico on December 5, 1940, the third child of seven children. In 1953 he entered the "Diocesano de Mexico" seminar. In 1956, he continued his schooling at the "Seminario de Misiones" with the Jesuits. Even during his vacations from the seminary, he would dedicate his time to travel outside of Mexico wherever there was a need for priests.

On July 10, 1966, he was ordained at the chapel "Seminario de Misiones" and assigned as a missionary to Kenya, Africa. Upon his arrival in Nairobi, Kenya, Father Ochoa began to work as a vicar in the parish of Amakura. While there, he built a secondary school for girls to help instill in them the values of dignity and self-respect and help them reject exploitative and unhealthy practices.

In 1975, he was assigned back to Mexico to serve as a Director to the Department of Promotions and Development. This work was a necessity for the "Instituto de Misioneros de Guadalupe," and he worked with Bishops from different Archdioceses and became responsible for getting financial and vocational opportunities for the missions.

After spending some time in Switzerland, Father Ochoa returned to Mexico once again in 1985 to help form a Seminary School in Guadalajara. While there, he also taught classes at a local school, helped construct a temple and a secondary school and started a food bank for the less fortunate.

In January 1991, he departed to Los Angeles to be an administrator in charge of a home for Guadalupe Missionaries and was in charge of all missionary work. While in Los Angeles, he promoted the Integral System of New Evangelization program. From 1996 to 2004, he served in several parishes of the Archdioceses, with the permission of the Guadalupe Missionaries. His last assignment for the past four years was at St. Pius X in the City of Santa Fe Springs, where he brought great joy to the parishioners.

I want to thank Father Ochoa for all he has done for my community and many communities throughout the world. I ask my colleagues to join me in wishing him good health and best wishes in his future endeavors.

#### MEDICAL DEVICES TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. MARK E. SOUDER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 27, 2004*

Mr. SOUDER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 3493, the Medical Devices Technical Corrections Act of 2003. This bill will help ensure medical devices are quickly approved and sent to market as intended by the Medical Device User Fee Modernization Act of 2002. In particular, the bill will clarify FDA third-party inspection requirements to ensure companies can use third-party inspectors for two consecutive inspections. Additionally, the legislation will authorize HHS to conduct a study to identify barriers to market entry for pediatric products, which often help small populations and, therefore, are not profitable to manufacturers.

These clarifications are critical to the medical device industry in the United States, which leads the world in the development and manufacturing of medical technology. Medical device companies produce nearly \$78 billion annually and generate nearly 6 percent annual growth. The products produced by these companies have a tremendous impact on our country's economy by creating great high-paying American jobs and consistently generating annual trade surpluses in the billions of dollars.

Advances in medical technology are improving the quality of life for people around the world as new and more effective treatments for various diseases and medical conditions are developed. New medical technology also helps reduce the cost of health care and Medicare as health problems are prevented and treated more easily through early detection, less invasive procedures and faster recovery times for the patient.

The medical device industry is critical to the economy of Indiana as well as the district I represent, Indiana's 3rd district. A large majority of the nation's orthopaedic devices are produced in Warsaw, Indiana, where DePuy, Zimmer and Biomet, three of the Nation's leading companies in orthopaedic devices are located. These companies control more than 60 percent of the global market share of orthopaedic joint replacements and generate \$4 billion dollars annually in sales. The combined economic and societal impacts of these three companies to my district and the state are

highly significant. I commend the House for summarily passing H.R. 3493 and I encourage my colleagues in the other body to vote in favor of H.R. 3493, the Medical Devices Technical Corrections Act of 2003.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JIM RYUN

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 4, 2004*

Mr. RYUN of Kansas. Mr. Speaker, unfortunately, I missed four votes in the House of Representatives on January 28, 2004. Had I been in attendance I would have made the following votes:

Vote on the Baldwin of Wisconsin Substitute Amendment to S. 1920, the Farmer Bankruptcy bill. Had I been in attendance, I would have voted "no."

Vote on the Motion to Recommit with Instructions on S. 1920, the Farmer Bankruptcy bill. Had I been in attendance, I would have voted "no."

Vote on Passage of S. 1920, the Farmer Bankruptcy bill. Had I been in attendance, I would have voted "yea."

Vote on the Motion to Instruction Conferees on S. 1920, the Farmer Bankruptcy bill. Had I been in attendance, I would have voted "no."

Unfortunately, I missed three votes in the House of Representatives on February 3, 2004. Had I been in attendance I would have made the following votes:

Vote on the Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree to H. Res. 507, a Resolution expressing the profound sorrow of the House of Representatives on the anniversary of the accident that cost the crew of the Space Shuttle Columbia their lives, and extending heartfelt sympathy to their families. Had I been in attendance, I would have voted "yea."

Vote on the Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree to H. Res. 157, a Resolution expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding several individuals who are being held as prisoners of conscience by the Chinese Government for their involvement in efforts to end the Chinese occupation of Tibet. Had I been in attendance, I would have voted "yea."

Vote on the Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass H.J. Res. 84, a Resolution recognizing the 93rd birthday of Ronald Reagan. Had I been in attendance, I would have voted "yea."

DEATH OF EMMETT BURKE, THE  
SON OF ALDERMAN EDWARD  
BURKE

HON. BOBBY L. RUSH

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 4, 2004*

Mr. RUSH. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to extend my condolences to Alderman Edward Burke and his family on the loss of his beloved son, Emmett Burke. It is with deepest sympathy that I rise to offer encouragement to the Burke family in their time of bereavement.

Mr. Speaker, Emmett Burke, only 30 years old, will be sorely missed by everyone who